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Research, Development and Production Review Board

I. Meeting #60 of the Research, Development and Production Review Board was held in the OC Conference Room at 1430 hours on 5 September 1956. The following persons were in attendance:

II. Under Agenda Item I, Old Business:

The Minutes of Meeting #59 were approved by the Board.

III. Under Agenda Item II, New Business:

25X1A informed the Board that the Equipment 25X1A had been delivered by and that SPD was in the process of readying the equipment for a field test. He stated that many faults in the design of the equipment had been uncovered and that, in general, he considered the engineering of the system to be very poor. Because of this, the task for this project was allowed to expire on August 31, 1956 even though the outline of the Contractor's work 25X1A called for the operation of an slave station at during the field tests. This information was

noted by the Board.

feed system. Several units will be given to CIA on receipt of a written request. NSA will spend its own funds on the R&D work. The production cost is estimated to be \$400-\$500 per unit.

said that after discussions with representatives in regard to Project he was of the opinion that CIA was obligated to spend its own funds For the program. Approximately \$120,000 is needed. After some discusproposed that the matter be referred to the DDP for a decision as to whether to:

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- a. Make funds available for the project,
- b. Suspend the project, or
- c. Ask OC to suspend some of its other FY-57 projects in order that funds would be available for

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It was the opinion of the Board, however, that course "c" should be omitted.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours. The next meeting of the Board will be that of the Ideas and Requirements Panel and will be held on 19 September at 1430 hours.

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Members and those in attendance listed in Paragraph I R&D Internal Projects R&D External Projects